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**Public Comment Form**

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*Step 2*

YOUR NAME Tina M. Fairbanks	DATE 11/19/2003
YOUR ADDRESS 25224 West Gambit Trail, Wittmann, AZ 85361	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (623) 388-2586
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: APS Application for Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER E-01345A-03-0437
CASE OR UTILITY NAME APS	YOUR POSITION ON THIS DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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*Step 3*

ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

The Arizona Republic reported October 7, 2003 that even though SRP was set to raise their rates 3% , effective November 1st, that "SRP's rates are traditionally 15% lower than those charged by APS.

SRP raised their rates due to the increasing costs of natural gas and purchasing power on the open market to fill in supply gaps. APS is claiming the same reasons as well as "lower than estimated earnings".

I object to any rate increase by APS to line the pockets of their shareholders and lobbyists. If SRP only has to increase their rate by 3% and they are traditionally 15% lower than APS, then in my opinion, APS has no valid reason to raise their rate 10%. By my calculations, SRP will now be traditionally 22% lower. I urge you to reject this application.

*Step 4*

*This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to:*  
Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007; or

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## **SRP set to raise electric rate 3%**

### **Residential customers to pay nearly \$3 more**

Max Jarman

The Arizona Republic

Oct. 7, 2003 12:00 AM

Salt River Project is raising its electricity rates for residential and business customers for the second time in two years.

The rate increase, announced Monday, means monthly rates for residential customers will jump 3.1 percent, or about \$2.93, and those for commercial customers will rise slightly more. The new rates will take effect Nov. 1.

The announced increase follows a 2.5 percent, or \$2.15 per month, rate increase last year, which was SRP's first in 10 years.

SRP, which has about 800,000 customers, primarily in the East Valley, said the higher rates are necessary to offset the higher cost of natural gas and of purchasing power on the open market to fill in supply gaps.

Arizona Public Service Co. has applied for a 10 percent rate increase, which is expected to be voted on by the Arizona Corporation Commission next year. APS' parent, Pinnacle West Capital Corp., said Monday that its 2003 earnings would be lower than estimated as a result of higher natural-gas and power costs and unexpected plant shutdowns.

While APS must gain regulatory approval to raise rates, SRP is regulated by the Legislature and does not need lawmakers' approval to raise rates.

SRP spokesman Jeff Lane said the rates still fall below a ceiling set by the Legislature in 1998. The Electric Power Competition Act capped SRP's rates until 2004 to allow a competitive retail electricity market to develop. Under the act, SRP was prohibited from recovering any additional-fuel or purchased-power costs until last year.

SRP's rates are traditionally about 15 percent lower than those charged by APS.